Penalty.

misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Election and returns.

SEC. 13. At the close of the election and of the counting of the votes the judges shall immediately make out, subscribe and certify two statements of said election, and return one to the register of deeds of Moore county and return the other to the clerk of the town, and the said register of deeds and the said clerk shall duly register and record the same in their respective offices, and the registration and poll lists shall be duly subscribed by said judges of election and return to the clerk of the town.

Oath of town officers.

SEC. 14. The mayor and commissioners so elected, and all other officers of the town required to take an oath, shall, before entering upon their duties, take and subscribe, before the proper officer, the respective oaths specified by chapter sixtytwo, volume two of The Code, entitled "towns and cities." SEC. 15. That if any person elected as mayor refuse to be qual-

ified, or if there is a vacancy in the office after election and

qualification, or if the mayor be absent from the town or unable

If mayor absent or there be a vacancy in the office.

Who fills the office.

to discharge the duties of his office, the commissioners shall choose of the qualified voters of the town some person for the term, or the unexpired portion of the same, or during the absence or disability of the mayor, as the case may be, to act as mayor, and he shall be clothed with all the authorities and powers given the regularly elected mayor, and the commissioners shall, in like manner, fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of commissioners: Provided, that in the case of sickness or temporary absence or disability of the mayor, the commissioners may appoint one of their own number mayor pro tempore to

Proviso in case of temporary absence.

Officers refusing to qualify, penexercise his duties.

SEC. 16. That any person elected as mayor or commissioner who shall refuse to qualify and act as such shall forfeit and pay, to the equal use of the town and of him who shall sue therefor, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Mayor, special court. Powers.

alty.

SEC. 17. That the mayor of the town of Jonesboro is hereby constituted a special court, with all the jurisdiction and powers in criminal offenses occurring within the limits of said town which are or may hereafter be given to justices of the peace; he shall preserve and keep the peace, and may cause, upon proper proceedings, to be arrested, persons charged or convicted of crimes in other counties or states who may be found in the town limits, and bound or imprisoned to appear at the proper tribunal to answer for their offenses. He shall also have jurisdiction to issue process, to hear and determine all misdemeanors consisting of a violation of the ordinances and regulations of the town or